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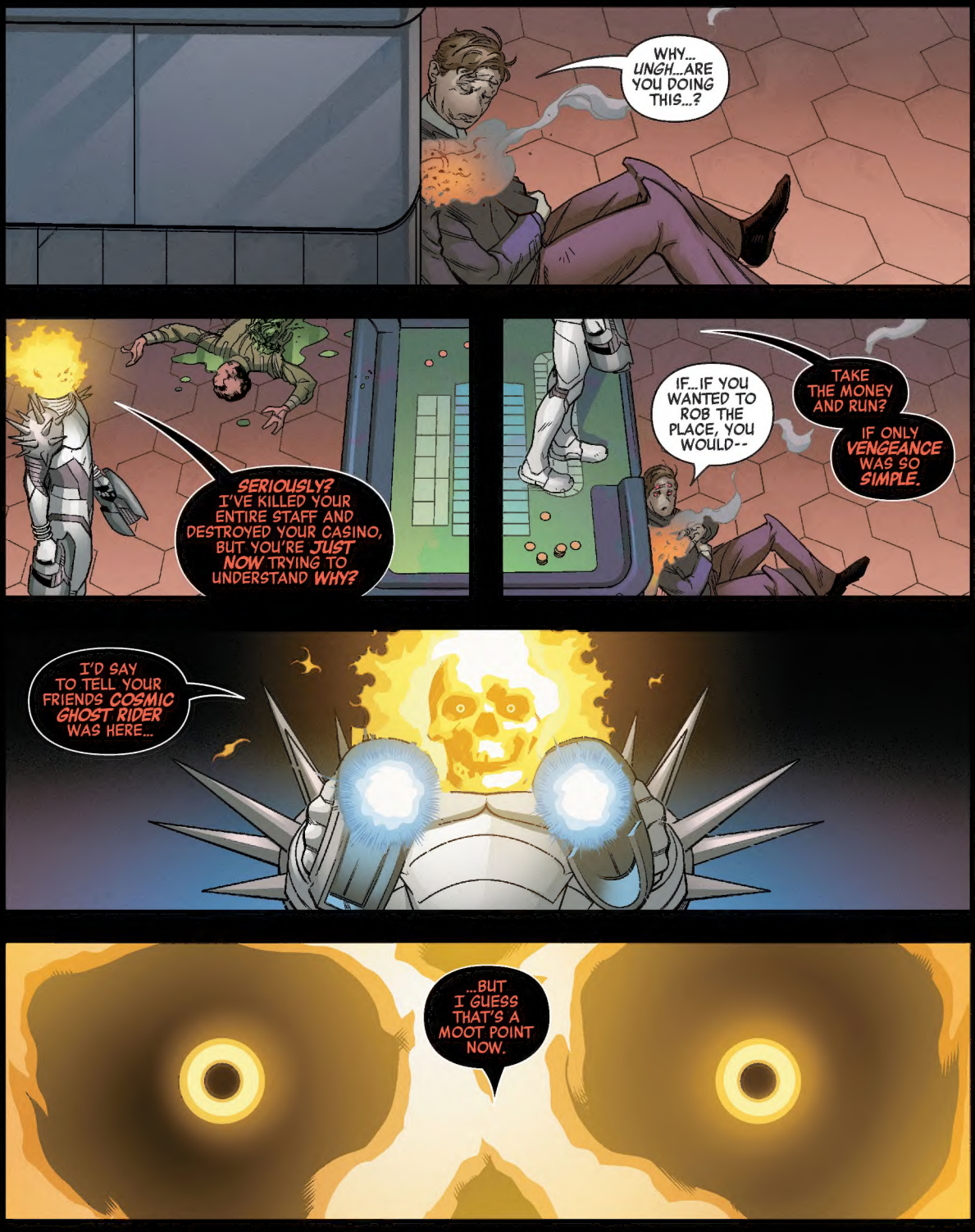
SPACE. DUH.
WAIT... WAIT! LET'S MAKE A DEAL...
...I...I'VE GOT MONEY... WHATEVER YOU WANT...
...J-JUST DON'T KILL ME...
PLEASE. I HAVE A FAMILY...A WIFE--
YOU SEEM TO HAVE ME CONFUSED...

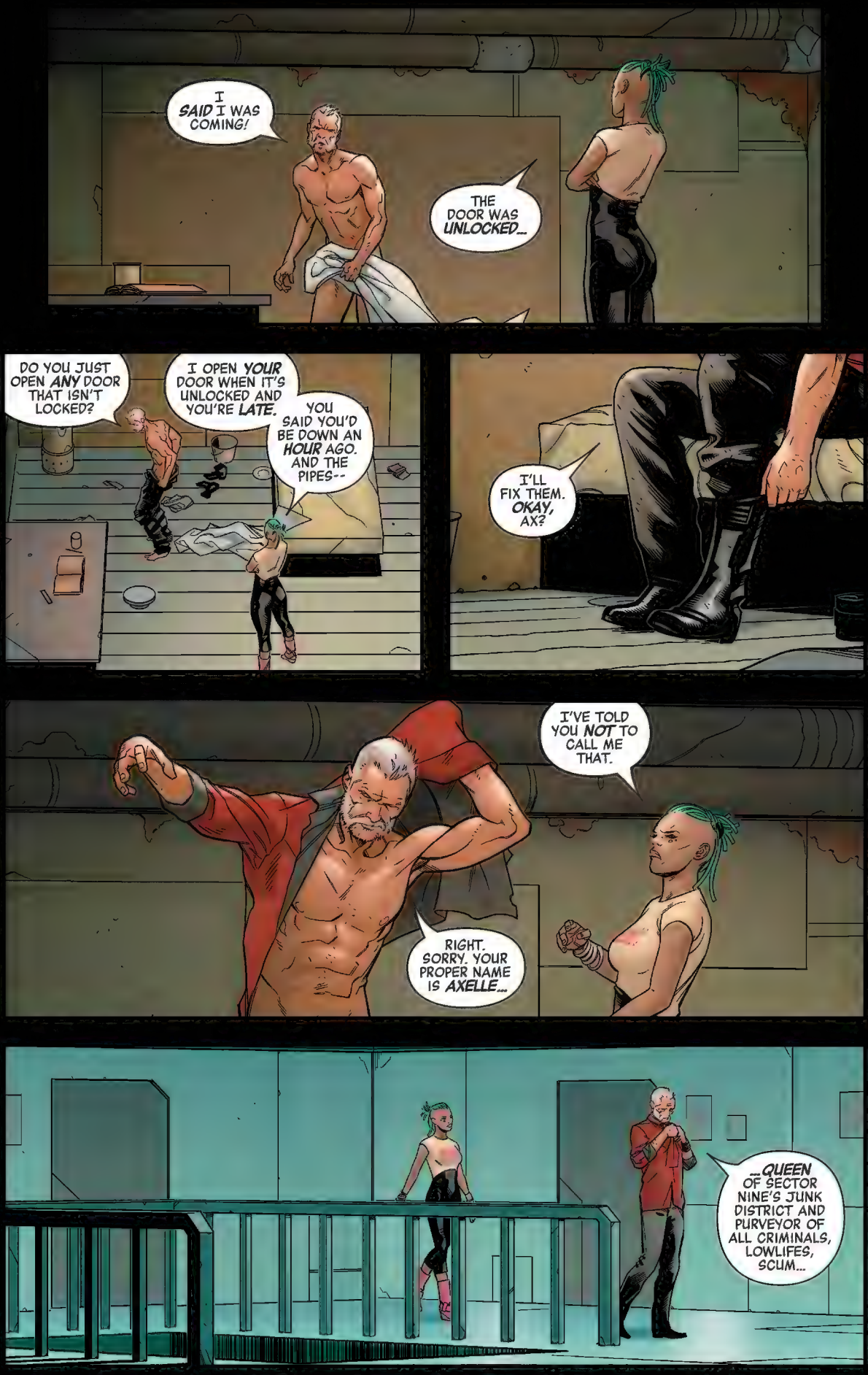
...WITH SOMEONE WHO GIVES A @&$#.

BUT IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, AFTER I PAINT THE WALLS WITH YOUR BRAINS, OR WHATEVER THE HELL YOU'VE GOT IN THERE...
...I'LL PERSONALLY PAY A VISIT TO YOUR WIFE--
$%&@ YOU!
FWOOOSH
HASN'T ANYONE TOLD YOU IT'S RUDE TO INTERRUPT SOMEONE WHEN THEY'RE MAKING VAGUE YET OMINOUS THREATS ABOUT ANOTHER MAN'S WIFE?
NOW. WHERE WERE WE?
HRN!
OH, COME ON...

RUN...
...DON'T RUN...
...THE RESULT DOESN'T CHANGE...
...BUT HOW MUCH YOU PISS ME OFF DOES.
BLAM
UNGH!


WHY... UNGH...ARE YOU DOING THIS...?
SERIOUSLY? I'VE KILLED YOUR ENTIRE STAFF AND DESTROYED YOUR CASINO, BUT YOU'RE JUST NOW TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHY?
IF...IF YOU WANTED TO ROB THE PLACE, YOU WOULD--
TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN?
IF ONLY VENGEANCE WAS SO SIMPLE.
I'D SAY TO TELL YOUR FRIENDS COSMIC GHOST RIDER WAS HERE...
...BUT I GUESS THAT'S A MOOT POINT NOW.
BLAM!BLAM!

$@#&!
WUMP WUMP
FRANK!
YEAH, I'M COMING. I'LL JUST BE ANOTHER--
FRANK, THE PIPES STOPPED--
$%@&!
MARLOW'S

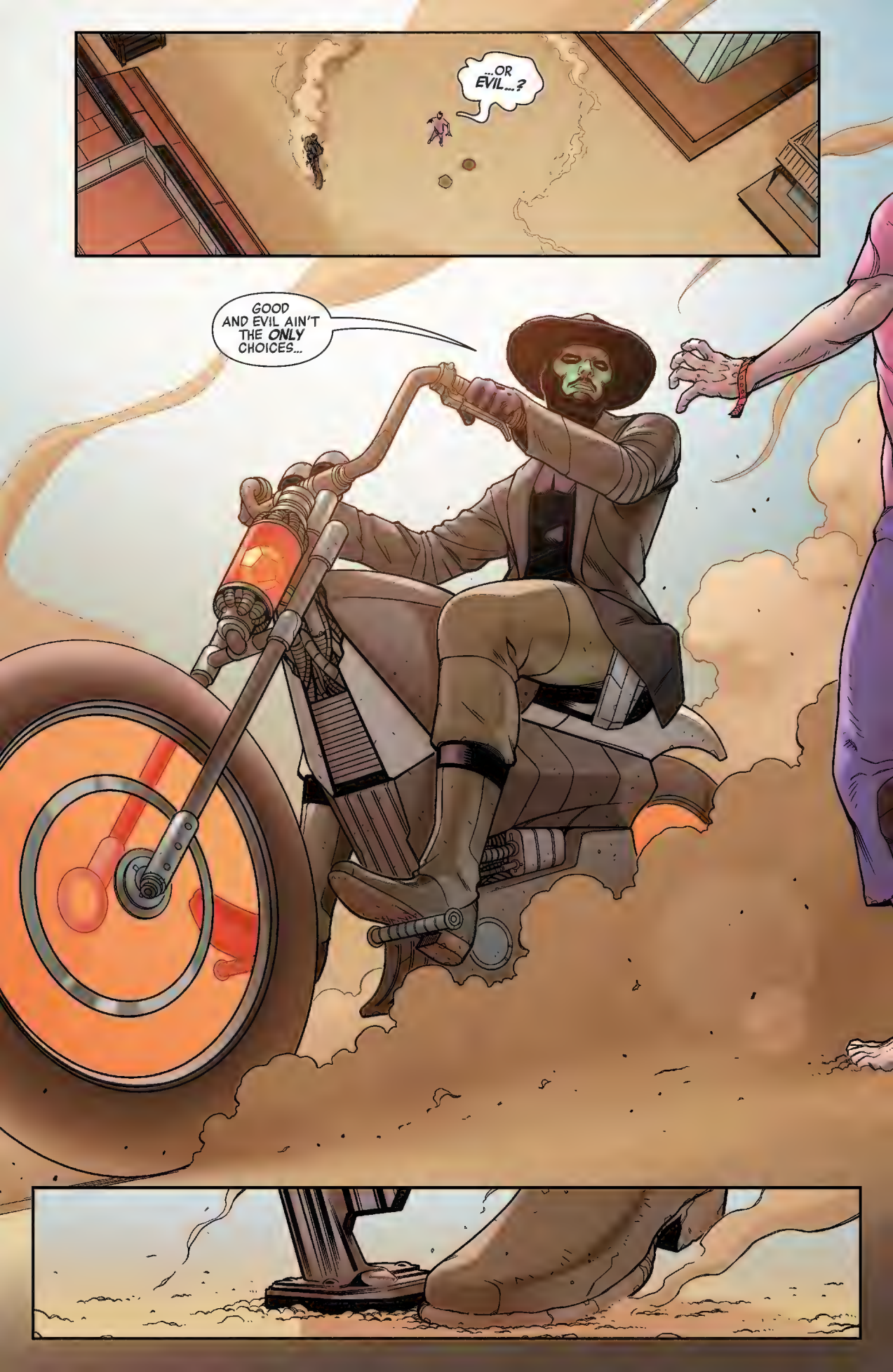

I SAID I WAS COMING!
THE DOOR WAS UNLOCKED...
DO YOU JUST OPEN ANY DOOR THAT ISN'T LOCKED?
I OPEN YOUR DOOR WHEN IT'S UNLOCKED AND YOU'RE LATE.
YOU SAID YOU'D BE DOWN AN HOUR AGO. AND THE PIPES--
I'LL FIX THEM. OKAY, AX?
I'VE TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL ME THAT.
RIGHT. SORRY. YOUR PROPER NAME IS AXELLE...
...QUEEN OF SECTOR NINE'S JUNK DISTRICT AND PURVEYOR OF ALL CRIMINALS, LOWLIFES, SCUM...

...AND OTHER SUCH VAGABONDS.
AND WHICH CATEGORY ARE YOU IN?
THE CATEGORY WHERE YOU NEED TO GET YOUR @#% TO WORK...
...YOU'RE LATE.
YOU KNOW THE DEAL. THAT ROOM'S NOT FREE.
I KNOW, MARLOW. WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN...

...I HEAR THERE ARE SOME PIPES THAT NEED TENDIN' TO.
AND THEN A NEW SHIPMENT OUT BACK TO UNLOAD WHEN YOU'RE DONE.
YESSIR. JUST CALL ME THE PIPE MAN... OR DON'T.
THAT SOUNDS TERRIBLE...
DON'T SAY IT, DAD...
I WASN'T GONNA SAY ANYTHING...
...BUT I WAS DEFINITELY THINKING ABOUT HOW WE HAVE NO IDEA WHO THE HELL THIS GUY REALLY IS. I BET FRANK ISN'T EVEN HIS REAL NAME.
I KNOW HOW YOU ARE WITH WOUNDED ANIMALS, AXELLE...

...JUST DON'T FORGET THAT MOST ANIMALS ARE AT THEIR MOST DANGEROUS WHEN THEY'RE BACKED INTO A CORNER.
HE HAS BEEN A HELP, AND YOU KNOW WE NEED IT.
EVER SINCE MOM--
I'M SORRY. DAD, I DIDN'T MEAN--
IT'S FINE. REALLY...
WE'RE FINE. AND WE DON'T NEED YOUR LITTLE PET TO BE FINE EITHER.
HE SAID HE'LL BE ON HIS WAY NEXT WEEK, AND I SAY GOOD RIDDANCE.
YOU AND ME?
WE ONLY NEED EACH OTHER, KIDDO...

"...IT'S US AGAINST EVERYTHING."
TWO NATURES ARE ALWAYS AT WAR!
GOOD AND EVIL... AT WAR WITH THEMSELVES...
...IN THEMSELVES...
...BY THEMSELVES!
HA!
BY THEMSELVES...
HUH?
GOOD...?
VRRRRMMMM
KRGSH
KRGSH


...OR EVIL...?
GOOD AND EVIL AIN'T THE ONLY CHOICES...

...SOME OF US ARE JUST DOING OUR DAMNED JOBS.
MARLOW'S?
TH-THERE...
MARLOW'S
APPRECIATED.

--HE COULD BE A KILLER...OR A THIEF.
HE HASN'T KILLED US OR STOLEN ANYTHING.
YET.
EXCUSE ME?
HE HASN'T KILLED YOU OR STOLEN ANYTHING YET.
I APOLOGIZE, BUT WE AREN'T OPEN. IF YOU'D LIKE TO COME BACK AT--
GOES BY FRANK, YES?
WHITE HAIR...DARK EYES...
SEEMS CHARMING, I'M SURE. BUT I CAN PROMISE YOU THAT THAT MAN'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK, DARLING.

I TOLD YOU WE'RE CLO--
WHAM
HRN!
DAD!
THE MAN YOU'VE LET IN...HE'S A PROBLEM.
MARLOW'S
I'M KRAL DRAVITT...AND I'M HERE TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM.
#@&% OFF.

KRSSSH
HE SAID WE'RE CLOSED.
LET'S MAKE THIS REAL EASY...
...JUST TELL ME WHERE HE IS.
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
SO NAIVE...
THE COSMIC GHOST RIDER BELONGS IN A GRAVE, NOT A BAR.
YOU'VE COME TO THE WRONG PLACE...

...COSMIC GHOST RIDER NO LONGER EXISTS.
THIS IS FOR THE SAKAARAN GUARD...

BLAM
WHY WOULD THE SAKAARANS WANT ME DEAD?
DON'T PLAY DUMB. IT'S INSULTING TO THEM AND YOU, RIDER.
THWAK
BLAM
YOU LITTLE...
AXELLE!
I TRIED TO MAKE THIS EASY...
LIKE I SAID...
...I'M NOT WHO YOU THINK I AM.

I SAW THE DESTRUCTION YOU CAUSED WITH MY OWN EYES.
WHATEVER THE ISSUE IS WITH THE SAKAARANS, YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG GUY.
DON'T MAKE ME, RIDER...
I...I DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU--
I DO! LET HER GO, YOU PIECE OF--!
BLAM
DAD!
NO!
NO...

NO!
THESE $@#$% DREAMS...
OBVIOUSLY A DREAM...
...I NEVER HESITATE TO PULL THE TRIGGER.

"COSMIC GHOST STORIES"
I WAS A MARINE, A GRIEVING FATHER AND HUSBAND...
...A VIGILANTE, A GHOST, A HERALD TO A DEVIL... A SERVANT TO YET ANOTHER DEVIL...
...SO YOU CAN IMAGINE A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP IS... ELUSIVE, AT BEST.
I'VE SEE EVERY KIND OF EVIL YOU COULD POSSIBLY IMAGINE...
FRANK...
...AND SOME YOU DEFINITELY CAN'T.
UNFORTUNATELY FOR ME, I HAVE A PRETTY VIVID IMAGINATION...

...THOUGH NOT THE ..."WAKING UP TO MY DEAD WIFE IN MY BED" KIND OF IMAGINATION.
MARIA?!
THAT'S NEW...
THIS CAN'T BE REAL...
COME ON, FRANKIE... THIS IS A DREAM, AND YOU'RE GONNA WAKE UP IN--
FRANNNNK...
FRANK CASTLE...
WHAM
WHAM
...WE KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
UNGH!

WELL, THAT SURE AS @#$% DIDN'T FEEL LIKE A DREAM.
HANK...BILLY "THE BUTTON" SUTTON... KIMBLE...
...I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU ALL IN... WELL, I GUESS IT DEPENDS ON HOW YOU PERCEIVE TIME.
AND, FRANKLY, I'M NOT CONVINCED YOU'VE GOT THE BRAINS FOR A CONVERSATION WHERE WE UNPACK THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM...
NOT THAT YOU DID BACK THEN EITHER--
HUH?
KRSSSH

YOU ARE GUILTY.
AND YOU LOOK A BIT DIFFERENT, GALAN...
...IS THAT A NEW HAIRCUT?

AS MY HERALD, YOU HELPED SUSTAIN MY INSATIABLE HUNGER...
...DEVOURING THE WORLDS OF MANY OF THOSE BEFORE YOU TODAY.
JUDGING MORTALS FOR THEIR CRIMES. MAKING A DEAL WITH MEPHISTO.
FIGHTING BESIDE THE MAD TITAN.
DESTROYING TIME OUT OF A MISGUIDED SENSE OF MORALITY.
YOU FINALLY STAND ACCUSED FOR YOUR CRIMES, COSMIC GHOST RIDER.
NOT REALLY STANDING, AM I?
MORE LIKE HOVERING...BUT I SUPPOSE HOVERING ACCUSED FOR YOUR CRIMES DOESN'T CARRY THE SAME GRAVITAS.
I'M NOT ABOVE ACCOUNTABILITY, BIG GUY.
BUT I'D FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WITH A BUNCHA ZOMBIES ATTACKING ME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...
...IF I KNEW WHO I WAS REALLY TALKING TO.
FWSSSSH

THE REAL GALACTUS WOULD NEVER LET ME CALL HIM GALAN.
SO LET'S FIND OUT WHO THE MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN CONTROLLING ALL THESE VERY JUDGMENTAL DEAD PEOPLE REALLY IS.
DADDY...?
...WHY DID YOU LET US DIE, DADDY?
FRANK JR.... LISA... I--I'M SORRY...
BUT YOU'RE NOT REAL.
BLAM
BLAM
I'M ALL FOR A GOOD METAPHOR...

...BUT FORCING ME TO LITERALLY FACE MY GUILT?
I'D PREFER SOME GOOD OLD ELECTROSHOCK, PLEASE.
NO!
I AM NOT A VILLAIN.

BUT IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO CALL ME A HERO EITHER.
YOU'RE THE REASON... THEY'RE ALL GONE...
...MY FAMILY... MY ENTIRE PLANET...
...BECAUSE OF YOU.
I HAVE DONE EVERYTHING I'VE BEEN ACCUSED OF.
AND MORE.
I AM SORRY.
BUT THIS WON'T BRING THEM BACK...
...AND MAGIC ALWAYS HAS A COST.
YOU WILL ONLY LOSE YOURSELF.
I DON'T NEED A GEM THAT CAN CREATE SPECTERS FROM MY PAST TO REMIND ME OF ALL THE WRONGS I'VE DONE.
THOSE HAUNT ME EVERY DAY.
THE END.

A PLANET AT THE END OF THE GALAXY.
WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE...
...YOU KNOW HOW TIHAR GETS WHEN WE ARE LATE.
WE WON'T BE LATE. I ONLY NEED ONE MORE THING AND THEN WE WILL--
KRSSSSH
WHAT--?!
RUN!

TEEP!
TARGET ACQUIRED.
GOOD WORK, ULYSSES.

I EXPECTED SOMEONE WITH SUCH A LARGE BOUNTY ON THEIR HEAD TO SHOW A LITTLE MORE INTEREST IN *SELF-PRESERVATION.*
AND I EXPECTED SUCH A *PROLIFIC* BOUNTY HUNTER TO USE A *LITTLE* MORE DISCRETION.
BUT I SUPPOSE YOUR REPUTATION DOES NOT INCLUDE *SUBTLETY,* DOES IT...
...MONARK STARSTALKER?
YOU'RE SHI'AR.
AMBASSADOR CA'RAN.
AND I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.
AMBASSADOR OR NOT...
...THE CLIENT WANTS YOU *DEAD.*

YOU MEAN THIS CLIENT?
DEEET
THE BOUNTY HAS BEEN TERMINATED.
YOU SET A BOUNTY ON YOUR OWN HEAD?
EASIER TO GET YOU TO COME TO US THAN FOR US TO TRY TO FIND YOU.
WASTE OF MY TIME...
IF YOU LEAVE NOW, YOU WON'T KNOW THE TRUE REWARD WE ARE OFFERING YOU...
...FOR CAPTURING THE COSMIC GHOST RIDER.

YOU PUT A BOUNTY ON YOUR OWN HEAD AND BROUGHT ME TO THE END OF THE GALAXY JUST TO ASK ME TO KILL THE COSMIC GHOST RIDER?
NOT KILL. CAPTURE.
THE COSMIC GHOST RIDER IS THE FORMER HERALD OF GALACTUS AND IS IMBUED WITH THE POWER COSMIC.
HE WIELDS CHAINS MADE FROM THE BONES OF CYTTORAK AND TRAVELS THE GALAXY IN ORDER TO PUNISH--
I KNOW.
SEND THE IMPERIAL GUARD, AMBASSADOR.
I'M NOT WILLING TO DIE FOR YOUR EMPIRE'S DISPUTES--
THREAT DETECTED!
TEEP! HOSTILES INCOMING.
YOU THINK?
THOOM THOOM THOOM THOOM THOOM THOOM

PFT
PFT
PFT
PFT
PFT
PFT
TEEP!
KRAAAKT
SKRAAAKT
DINK
I KNOW YOU TO BE A MAN OF CONVICTION, STARSTALKER.
THE COSMIC GHOST RIDER IS NOT WHAT HE ONCE WAS, AND I FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF THE SHI'AR EMPIRE AND BEYOND.

LAST WEEK, THE RIDER ATTACKED A CASINO ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THETA QUADRANT THAT WAS UNDER *OUR* PROTECTION.
NO MOTIVE. NO MERCY.
LIKE I SAID...THE SHI'AR EMPIRE HAS THE RESOURCES TO--
NO. CURRENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS PREVENT US FROM SENDING THE IMPERIAL GUARD... BUT YOU...SOMEONE WITH *NO* POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS...
HOW MUCH?
THE REWARD IS PRESENTLY SET AT *100,000* CREDITS. WE'VE SENT OTHERS, BUT I'M AFRAID NONE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COMPLETE THE--
AND WHAT DID YOU OFFER THE *LAST* BOUNTY HUNTER?
IT WAS... *80,000.*
THE SUM OFFERED IS INSUFFICIENT. *TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND* IS REQUIRED.
BUT...THAT IS MORE THAN *DOUBLE* THE PREVIOUS REWARD.
AND YOUR *PREVIOUS* BOUNTY HUNTER IS MOST LIKELY DEAD.
WIRE THE CREDITS, AMBASSADOR...

"...AND I WILL BRING YOU THE COSMIC GHOST RIDER."
YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T DO IT...
...YOU CAN'T KILL ME.
NO...
...BUT I CAN.
DON'T DO SOMETHING YOU'LL REGR--
I WON'T.
ARGH!
MY EYE--!

AXELLE... ENOUGH.
GET AWAY FROM ME, FRANK!
MARLOW'S
...DAD...
KRSSH
I'M SO SORRY.
WE CAN'T STAY HERE...
...MORE WILL COME.

I'LL GET YOU OFF THIS PLANET...
...AND FIND A SAFE PLACE FOR YOU TO STAY.
JUST LAY LOW FOR A LITTLE WHILE, AXELLE.
THEY AREN'T AFTER YOU AND WON'T FOLLOW IF I LEAVE YOU--
AXELLE...? WHAT ARE YOU--?
WHAK

WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M ASKING THE QUESTIONS.
WHO THE @#$% ARE YOU?
OKAY... EASY. I'M FRANK... JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU.
THEN WHY ARE PEOPLE TRYING TO KILL YOU, FRANK?
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR--
WHY IS MY FATHER DEAD?
I'M THE COSMIC GHOST RIDER.
BUT I DON'T KNOW WHY ANYONE WOULD WANT ME DEAD. I'M... RETIRED.
COSMIC GHOST RIDER...? RETIRED...?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
LOOK, I'D LOVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY ROMANTIC NOTION OF HANGING UP THE FLAMING SKULL FACE IN ORDER TO LIVE A SOLITARY AND PEACEFUL LIFE IN A REMOTE PART OF THE UNIVERSE...

...BUT I DON'T THINK THAT GUY WOULD APPRECIATE THE NARRATIVE NUANCES OF MY STORY.
WHO--?
GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE CREDIT, RIDER.
I LOVE A GOOD STORY AS MUCH AS THE NEXT DOUR AND BROODING BOUNTY HUNTER...
...I JUST PREFER MINE WITH MORE ACTION.
DOWN!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

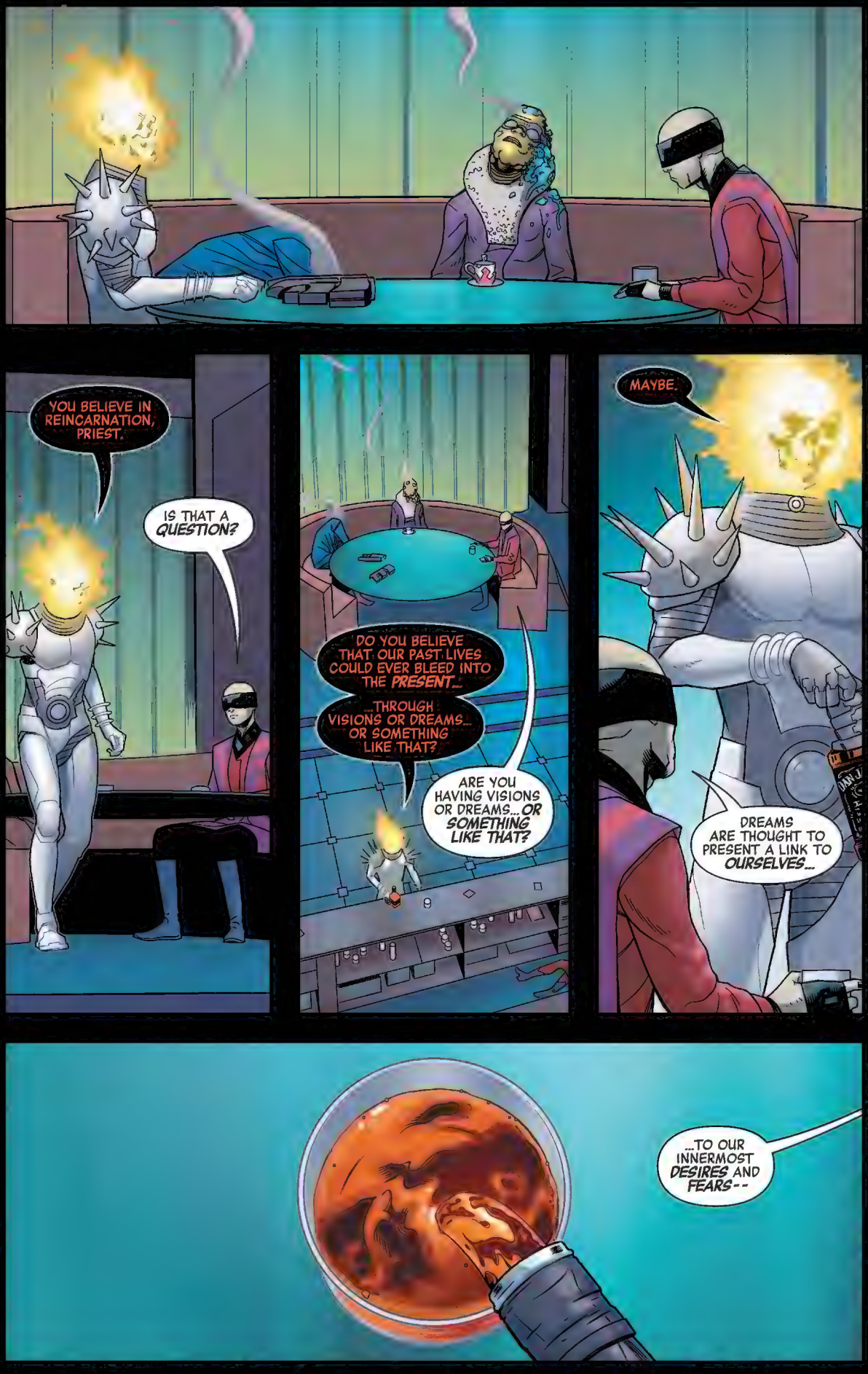
WHO THE HELL IS THAT?
NOT SURE. WE JUST MET.
YOU SAID YOU'RE THE COSMIC GHOST RIDER, RIGHT?
SO PROVE IT, FRANK.
WHAT...? NO, I TOLD YOU... I'M RETIRED. I CAN'T JUST--
CAN'T OR WON'T?
WHEN MY FATHER HAD A GUN TO HIS HEAD, YOU DID NOTHING.
IF YOU WANT TO KEEP DOING NOTHING...FINE. BUT I WON'T BE JOINING YOU.
AXELLE! STOP!
BLAM
PFFT

TEEP!
UNGH!
AXELLE!
THEY TOLD ME TO BRING HIM ALIVE...
...BUT I DOUBT THE SHI'AR CARE WHETHER YOU LIVE OR--
TIME TO PUT THE GOLF CLUBS AWAY...

...BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE RETIREMENT'S OVER.
BUT I THINK I'LL STILL KEEP THE HAWAIIAN SHIRTS.
THEY'RE FLATTERING AND MADE FROM SURPRISINGLY BREATHABLE MATERIAL--
HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SUPER-AWESOME FLAMING CHAINS OF BAD#@$...?
THE NAME IS KIND OF A MOOT POINT WITHOUT THE FLAMES.
IT ALMOST FEELS LIKE...

"MY POWERS AREN'T WORKING RIGHT."
I WASN'T GONNA TURN YOU IN. I SWEA--
DEAD OR ALIVE
BLAM!
WANTED
DEAD OR ALIVE
20.000
DEAD OR ALIVE
20.000
ELSEWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE.
BLAM
YOU CAN COME OUT NOW.
JOIN ME FOR A DRINK.
Y-YOU WON'T HURT ME?
NO GUNS. I PROMISE.

THEY WEREN'T ALL BOUNTY HUNTERS.
WHEN YOU'RE WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE, THAT HARDLY SEEMS LIKE A NECESSARY DISTINCTION.
SIT.
YOU ARE WANTED BECAUSE OF THE CRIMES YOU HAVE COMMITTED... COSMIC GHOST RIDER.
YOU'RE AN OMNIAN.
I AM.
YET YOU WOULD SEE ME DEAD. THAT SEEMS... CONTRARY TO YOUR TEACHINGS.
I DO BELIEVE IN JUSTICE, RIDER.
ONE DOESN'T NEED RELIGION TO KNOW THAT THE SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS SHOULD BE PUNISHED.
YOU JUDGE ME, YET YOU ARE HERE.
I'M A PRIEST, NOT A SHUT-IN.

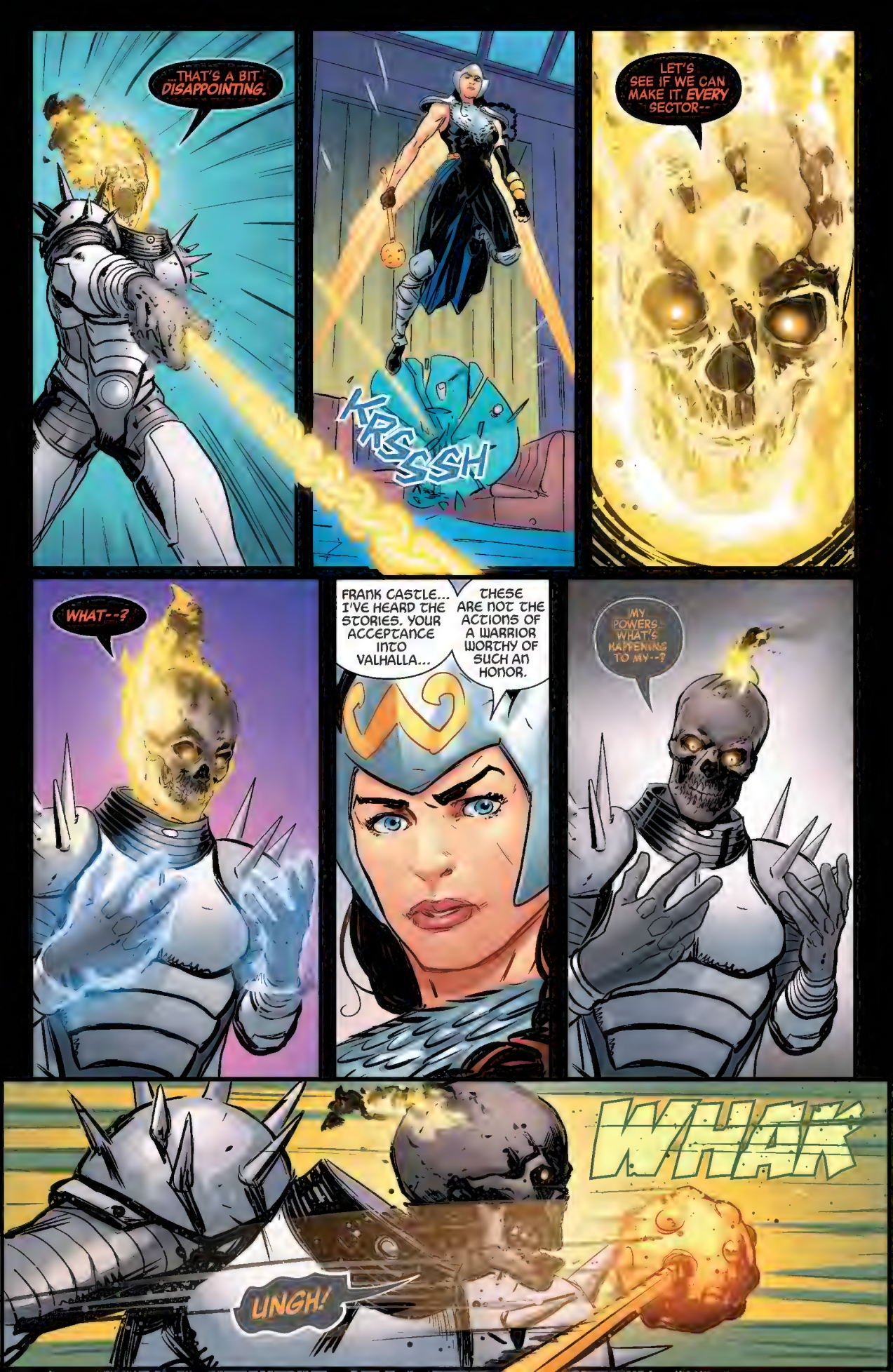

YOU BELIEVE IN REINCARNATION, PRIEST.
IS THAT A QUESTION?
DO YOU BELIEVE THAT OUR PAST LIVES COULD EVER BLEED INTO THE PRESENT...
...THROUGH VISIONS OR DREAMS... OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
ARE YOU HAVING VISIONS OR DREAMS...OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
MAYBE.
DREAMS ARE THOUGHT TO PRESENT A LINK TO OURSELVES...
...TO OUR INNERMOST DESIRES AND FEARS--

YOU THINK IT'S MY DESIRE TO SHOW WEAKNESS?
YOU THINK I FEAR ANYTHING?
Y-YOU... UNGH... PROMISED YOU WOULDN'T... HURT...
HRN!
I SAID NO GUNS.
DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT SPIKES.
SPANG
PICKING ON A PRIEST...?

...THAT'S NOT THE FRANK CASTLE I'VE HEARD ABOUT.
VALKYRIE!!

FUELING STATION X987.
VALHALLA WON'T TAKE YOU THIS TIME, RIDER!
BLAM
YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE, VALKYRIE.

KRAK
YOU'VE LEFT A TRAIL OF DEAD BODIES IN NEARLY EVERY SECTOR OF THE GALAXY, RIDER...
WHUMP
...I THINK I'M EXACTLY WHERE I SHOULD BE.
HUH?
NEARLY EVERY SECTOR...?


...THAT'S A BIT DISAPPOINTING.
KRSSSH
LET'S SEE IF WE CAN MAKE IT EVERY SECTOR--
WHAT--?
FRANK CASTLE... I'VE HEARD THE STORIES. YOUR ACCEPTANCE INTO VALHALLA...
THESE ARE NOT THE ACTIONS OF A WARRIOR WORTHY OF SUCH AN HONOR.
MY POWERS... WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MY--?
UNGH!
WHAK

THE "OTHER" FRANK.
WHAK
UNGH!
WE COULD HAVE DONE THIS THE EASY WAY, RIDER.
KRAK
WHO... =KOFF= ...ARE YOU...?
I'M MONARK STARSTALKER...
...THE BOUNTY HUNTER WHO BROUGHT DOWN THE COSMIC GHOST RIDER.

STARSTALKER?
WHAT...?
YOU KNOW WHEN LITTLE KIDS GET A CLASS PET, AND THEY HAVE TO DECIDE ON THE BEST NAME FOR SOME, LIKE...RABBIT OR HAMSTER OR WHATEVER... AND THEY WANT IT TO BE SOMETHING THEY THINK IS REALLY COOL...?
BECAUSE COSMIC GHOST RIDER IS SO MUCH MORE MATURE--
WHUMP
OOF!

YOU PICKED THE WRONG @$£#% DAY TO RUIN THE STORAGE SHED WITH ALL THE BEER IN IT!
GET OFF! YOU LITTLE--
ARGH!
$#£@!
COME ON, FIERY-SKELETON POWERS...
...ACTIVATE...
YES!
NO!
UNGH!
GET OFF!

THE SHI'AR NEVER SAID I COULDN'T KILL AN INTERLOPER--
FWSSSH
AXELLE... LET'S GO!

THE OTHER OTHER RIDER.
LET'S GO!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS, RIDER...?
IS SOMETHING... OR SOMEONE... CONTROLLING YOU?
FOR THE FIRST TIME, VALKYRIE...
...I FEEL TRULY FREE.
WITH OR WITHOUT MY POWERS... I'M FINALLY REALIZING WHO I WAS MEANT TO BE.
YOU ARE NOTHING LIKE THE FRANK CASTLE I'VE HEARD OF.
DON'T MAKE ME SHOOT YOU...

YOU'RE GOING TO HURT YOURSELF, PRIEST.
I KNOW HOW TO USE IT...
THEN I WILL HURT YOU!
IT IS TIME TO STOP FIGHTING, RIDER. FOR YOUR OWN GOOD...
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
MY ARMOR...THIS SHOULDN'T BE HAPPENING...
I CAN SEE YOUR FATE, AND YOUR DEATH--IT'S CLOSER THAN YOU THINK.

IF YOU COME WITH ME, WE WILL FIGURE OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING TO YOU--
HM.
NO THANKS.
WHAT ARE YOU--?
WHAK
FWSSSSSSSSH
HE OPENED THE AIR LOCK!
I CAN SEE THAT, PRIEST...

HANG ON.
CAN'T BREA--
GOT YOU...
...AND I'VE GOT THE ALL-WEAPON.
UNGH!
KRAK
FWSSSHH
WHY DOES THAT BUTTON EVEN EXIST?

HOLD ON.
NO, I THINK I'LL JUST THROW MY HANDS UP AND HOPE THE FORCE DOESN'T THROW ME OFF THE BIKE...
...
I SHOULD FOLLOW THEM.
NO...
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE RIDER'S POWERS.

THE RIDER WIELDS THE POWER COSMIC, BESTOWED UPON THE HERALDS OF GALACTUS.
WHICH IS TYPICALLY A LIMITLESS WELL OF POWER.
TYPICALLY. BUT THE RIDER COULDN'T SUMMON HIS POWERS.
AND THAT BIKE IS SOMEHOW LINKED TO THE RIDER BY THE POWER COSMIC.
DEET
TEEP. AT MOST, THE RIDER WAS ABLE TO ACTIVATE HIS POWERS FOR 3.5 MINUTES. AS HE LEFT THE ATMOSPHERE, THE BIKE WAS TRAVELING AT A TOP SPEED OF--
I DIDN'T FINISH SCHOOL FOR A REASON, ULYSSES.
THE RIDER WILL LIKELY BE FORCED TO STOP AT ONE OF THREE NEARBY FUELING STATIONS.
"WE CAN'T STOP..."

...SO WHY ARE WE SLOWING DOWN?
IT'S DRAINING MY POWER TO KEEP THIS THING RUNNING...
NOT HERE. CAN'T YOU GET US A LITTLE FARTHER?
I CAN'T... BUT I ALSO DON'T THINK I'M SUPPOSED TO.
WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?
I THINK IT MEANS THAT I NEED TO BE HERE...

"...I THINK IT MEANS I BELONG ON THAT SPACE STATION."
FUELING STATION X987.
WE CAN FIND YOU A SHIP TO GET YOU AS FAR AWAY FROM HERE AS POSSIBLE.
WITHOUT ME, THAT STARSTALKER GUY WON'T KEEP CHASING YOU.
HEY, FRANK...
...WHERE IS EVERYONE?
THE ENTIRE PLACE LOOKS DES--
OH E@$%...

KRSSSHH
VALKYRIE?!
THAT WILL BE THE LAST TIME YOU EVER TRY TO KILL ME, FRANK CASTLE.
KILL YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU--? VALKYRIE, I WOULD NEVER...
THIS ISN'T HIM...
...THIS ISN'T THE RIDER WHO TRIED TO KILL YOU.
WHAT...? HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE...?

OPEN YOUR EYES.
YOUR DEATH...IT'S NO LONGER IMMINENT...
THAT'S A RELIEF.
YOU ARE FRANK CASTLE...?
YES...?
SO, SHOULD I PUNCH HER OR WHAT...?
...I REALLY CAN'T TELL WHOSE SIDE SHE'S ON.
"THIS ISN'T POSSIBLE..."

...THERE CAN'T BE TWO OF ME.
CAN THERE?
IT COULD BE A CLONE. THE UNIVERSE HAS UNFORTUNATELY SEEN PLENTY OF THOSE BEFORE.
I DON'T THINK HE WAS A CLONE...
I TALKED TO HIM...THE OTHER YOU.
BEFORE HE TRIED TO KILL ME, HE ASKED ME ABOUT REINCARNATION.
REINCARNATION? WHY WOULD HE ASK YOU ABOUT THAT?
HE WANTED TO KNOW IF A PAST LIFE COULD INFLUENCE THE PRESENT...IF THERE IS A UNIVERSAL CONNECTION BETWEEN ALL OUR SELVES.
I THINK IT HAD TO DO WITH THE NIGHTMARES...OR VISIONS.
HE SAID HE WAS SEEING A DIFFERENT VERSION OF HIMSELF IN THEM.
I'VE BEEN HAVING NIGHTMARES TOO. I THOUGHT THEY WERE JUST THAT...DREAMS. BUT NOW...
A FEW NIGHTS AGO, I SAW MYSELF AS THE RIDER, MURDERING PEOPLE IN A CASINO. SO MUCH BLOOD... SOME BEGGED FOR MERCY.
BUT I DIDN'T STOP.

VISION IS NOT ALWAYS LIMITED TO WHAT OUR EYES CAN PERCEIVE.
I CAN SEE THINGS THAT OTHERS CAN'T...I CAN SEE DEATH AS IT APPROACHES.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN SEE DEATH?
I CAN SEE ORBS ABOVE ALL OF YOU.
WHEN THE OTHER RIDER WAS NEAR US, THE PRIEST'S DEATH LOOMED LARGE OVER HIM, BUT NOW...WITH YOU HERE...HE'S SAFE.
THAT IS HOW I KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOT HIM.
I TRACKED THESE DEATH ORBS, LEADING ME TO YOUR DOPPELGANGER.
BUT THE ONLY PERSON IN DANGER IS YOU, FRANK.
THAT MIGHT EXPLAIN WHY MY POWERS AREN'T WORKING LIKE NORMAL.
BUT OTHER THAN MY POWERS DISAPPEARING, A SECOND SELF LEAVING A TRAIL OF DEATH AND A BUNCH OF BOUNTY HUNTERS TRYING TO MURDER ME...
...I FEEL COMPLETELY--
...FINE...
FRANK... WHAT'S WRONG?

UNGH!
UNGH!
FRANK!

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ONE MONTH AGO.
SPACE.
ARE YOU CRAZY?!
I DON'T WANNA DIE!
I'D RATHER GET ARRESTED THAN SUCKED INTO THAT THING!
DON'T WORRY. I'VE GOT IT--
WHUMP
WHAT WAS THAT?
IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING JUST HIT THE SIDE OF THE SH--

THOOM
SOMETHING DIDN'T HIT THE SIDE OF YOUR SHIP...
...COSMIC @%#$£% GHOST RIDER DID.
MEANING... ME. IN CASE THAT WASN'T CLEAR.
AND YOU TWO ARE SMUGGLERS.
SO YOU CAN SEE WHERE THIS MIGHT GET A LITTLE AWKWARD FOR YOU...

MIND YOUR OWN DAMN BUSINESS, RIDER.
FWSSSH
PEW
PEW
PEW
PEW
THAT'S NOT HOW THE WHOLE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE THING WORKS.
YOU DO SOME DUMB $@E%...
...AND I DO THE VENGEANCE.
$#@%!
I HATE THIS JOB--
WHUMP
DEET

ARRRRRRRROOOOOOOOO
WARNING. PROXIMITY ALERT.
DIDN'T YOUR PARENTS EVER TEACH YOU NOT TO STAGE A ROBBERY AND THEN FLEE STRAIGHT INTO THE FACE OF A BLACK HOLE?
BECAUSE I'VE GOT TO SAY...
...THIS PLAN SEEMS REALLY @%&#%$ STUPID.

ARRROOO
ARGH!
IT BURNS!
YEAH... GETTING SUCKED INTO A BLACK HOLE DOESN'T EXACTLY TICKLE--
"FRANK, CAN YOU HEAR US?
"HIS HEART RATE IS ACCELERATING..."

...IF WE CAN'T BRING HIS BODY TEMPERATURE DOWN, I'M WORRIED HE'LL--
FUELING STATION X987. NOW.
NO!
WHAT... HAPPENED? WHERE AM I?
SIT DOWN, FRANK... YOU'RE GOING TO HURT YOURSELF WORSE.
NO... I REMEMBER NOW, VALKYRIE...
REMEMBER WHAT?
SMUGGLERS... THEY DESTROYED A PASSENGER VESSEL WHILE MAKING THEIR ESCAPE AND KILLED HALF THE CIVILIANS ON BOARD...
I... INTERVENED... BUT THEIR SHIP WAS ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH...SOME KIND OF MAGNETIC FIELD AND...

...AND NOW THERE'S TWO OF ME...
THAT'S ONE UGLY #@$%&.
AFTER YOU PASSED OUT, WE FIGURED THERE WAS A CHANCE THAT THE OTHER YOU MIGHT HAVE DONE THE SAME.
WE FOUND HIM IN AN ABANDONED PASSENGER CABIN. FEVER...ACCELERATED HEARTBEAT...
...JUST LIKE YOU.
I FALL INTO SOME BRIGHTLY COLORED HOLE IN THE MIDDLE OF SPACE, AND...WHAT?
GET CLONED?
OR IT COULD BE A PIECE OF YOU...
...NOT A CLONE BUT A KIND OF... INCOMPLETE ELEMENT OF YOUR IDENTITY.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, AXELLE?

MY FAVORITE BOOK AS A KID WAS ABOUT THIS DOCTOR WHO LEARNED HOW TO REMOVE PIECES OF HIMSELF.
HE COULD REMOVE HIS FEAR, HIS ANGER...EVEN HIS LOVE.
BUT ALL THOSE PIECES OF THE DOCTOR TURNED ON HIM BECAUSE THEY WERE INCOMPLETE WITHOUT ONE ANOTHER.
EXCEPT I'M NOT A MAD SCIENTIST, AND I DIDN'T SEPARATE OUT ALL OF MY EMOTIONS.
YOU DIDN'T, BUT THAT BRIGHTLY COLORED HOLE IN THE MIDDLE OF SPACE YOU FELL INTO MIGHT HAVE.
AND IF THIS IS JUST A PIECE OF FRANK CASTLE...
...THEN IT'S A PRETTY $#%&@% ONE...
INTERESTING LANGUAGE FOR A MONK.
MY VOW IS ONE OF HONESTY.

I THINK THE MONK'S RIGHT.
WITH THE AMOUNT OF BOUNTY HUNTERS AFTER FRANK NUMBER TWO...I'D SAY HE DIDN'T EXACTLY GET THE BEST ELEMENTS OF THE ORIGINAL FRANK.
THE ORIGINAL FRANK HAD A REPUTATION FOR VIOLENCE...BUT NOT WITHOUT PURPOSE.
DOES THIS MAKE ME FRANK NUMBER ONE?
I REALLY DON'T THINK I LIKE THAT...
FRANK NUMBER ONE HESITATED... HE HAD THE CHANCE TO PULL THE TRIGGER AND KILL A BOUNTY HUNTER...
...BUT HE COULDN'T DO IT.
RESTRAINT AND OVERABUNDANCE... PEACE AND VIOLENCE...
...THE TWO FRANKS ARE ACTUALLY THE TWO HALVES OF HIS--
HUH?
KRSSSSH

IMPOSTOR!
HRN!

WHAM
KRAAAK
FRANK... DON'T--!
I'M GUESSING...
WHAK
...YOU'RE NOT THE HALF THAT GOT THE BRAINS, HUH?

I NEED YOU BOTH TO STOP THIS AND LISTEN TO ME...
I CAN SEE THAT YOU ARE DYING...
...MOVING CLOSER TO DEATH EVERY MOMENT, BUT I CAN HELP YOU.
I'M DONE LISTENING TO YOU.
YOU'VE PUNCHED ME, SHOT AT ME AND TRIED TO THROW ME OUT OF AN AIR LOCK.
NONE OF THOSE QUALIFY AS LISTENING.
AND DESPITE ALL OF THAT...I DO NOT WANT TO SEE YOU DEAD, FRANK.
I ONLY WANT TO--
HRM... I FORGOT ONE...

...I HAVEN'T TRIED TO THROW A COSMIC BLAST AT YOU YET!
NO!
KRSSSSH
FWSSSSSH
FRANK!

WHY ARE YOU WAITING, MONARK?
BY PROCESS OF ELIMINATION, THIS IS THE ONLY FUELING STATION WHERE THE COSMIC GHOST RIDER COULD BE HIDING.
SHOULD WE NOT COLLECT THE TARGET AND COMPLETE THE BOUNTY YOU'VE ACCEPTED FROM THE SHI'AR?
PATIENCE, ULYSSES.
I WAS NOT CREATED FOR PATIENCE. DEET!
IF YOU WOULD TELL ME WHAT YOU ARE WAITING FOR, THEN PERHAPS I COULD--
THAT'S WHAT I'M WAITING FOR...
TWO HEAT SIGNATURES... DEET...TWO IDENTICAL TRACES OF COSMIC ENERGY...

"...TWO COSMIC GHOST RIDERS."
=KOFF KOFF=
...HRN...
FWSSSSH
I'VE BEEN DOING A LOT OF SELF-REFLECTION LATELY, AND I'VE COME TO THE CONCLUSION...

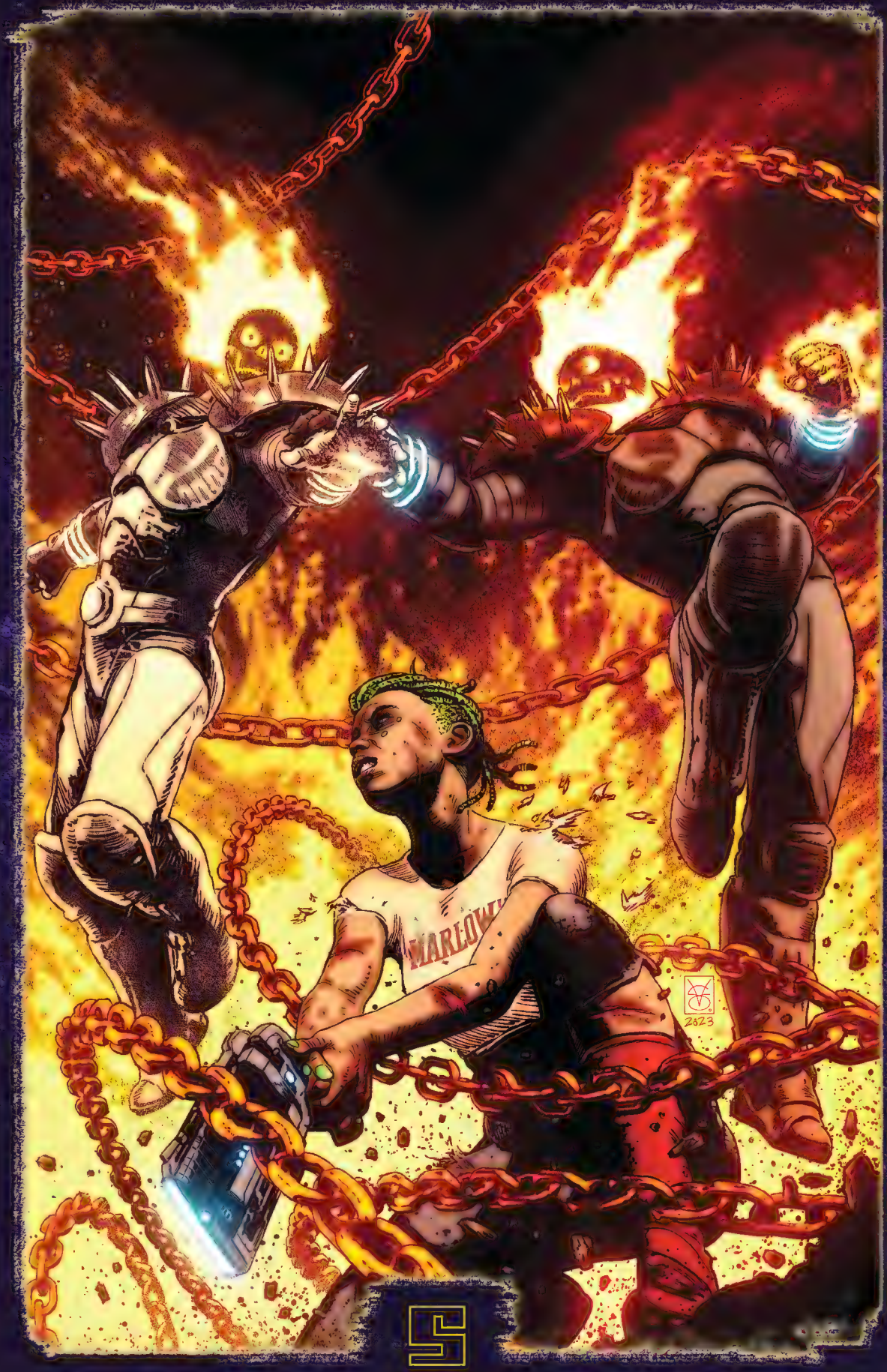
THAT I'VE GOT A REAL ATTITUDE PROBLEM.

SHOULD WE BE AT ALL CONCERNED ABOUT THE OMINOUS AURA SURROUNDING US...?
NO...? YOU'RE GOOD...?
COOL. THEN I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABO--
THOOM

I'M GETTING THE FEELING THAT THESE AREN'T YOUR ORDINARY CLONES.
I'M DETECTING A VERY LARGE ENERGY SURGE.
WHAT WOULD I DO WITHOUT YOU?
FOR STARTERS, YOUR CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM WOULD STRUGGLE TO--
IT WAS A RHETORICAL QUESTION, ULYSSES.
BUT I AM NOT STICKING AROUND TO FIND OUT WHAT THAT VERY LARGE ENERGY SURGE DOES.
LET'S GET THE RIDER AND LEAVE.
YES, BUT WHICH ONE?
I DON'T CARE...
...AND I DOUBT THE SHI'AR WILL EITHER.

=GASP=
UNGH...
%$#&.
NO, NO, NO...
...NOT AGAIN!
WHUMP

WHERE THE HELL AM I...?
OH.
THERE I AM...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SOMETHING IS JAMMING ALL OF OUR SIGNALS...
...COMMUNICATIONS ARE DOWN, FLIGHT PATH IS OFFLINE...
COULD THE COSMIC GHOST RIDER BE--?
NOT POSSIBLE, ULYSSES. HE'S TIED UP IN THE STORAGE HOLD.
RUN A DIAGNOSTIC ON THE ELECTRONIC CONFIGURATIONS THAT WE REPLACED BACK IN--
MONARK STARSTALKER! IN THE NAME OF THE SHI'AR EMPIRE, I HAVE TAKEN CONTROL OF YOUR SHIP!
WHAT THE--?
UNLOCK YOUR SECURITY SYSTEMS AND DO NOT ATTEMPT TO RESIST, MONARK, OR YOU WILL BE MET WITH EXTREME FORCE.
@$%&.
"I DID EXACTLY WHAT THE SHI'AR ASKED..."

...I FOUND THE COSMIC GHOST RIDER, AND I'M BRINGING HIM TO YOU ALIVE.
BUT BEING FOLLOWED BY A CAPE-WEARING BABYSITTER WAS NOT A PART OF THE MISSION BRIEF.
THE AMBASSADOR HAS EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR EXORBITANT FEE, BOUNTY HUNTER.
I'M THE INSURANCE.
FINE...WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE HERE. RIGHT... GLADIATOR?
I DID THE JOB. I COLLECTED THE TARGET...
...SO THERE'S NO NEED FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S CONCERN.
LET ME SEE THE CARGO.
I DO NOT APPRECIATE HAVING MY WORK QUESTIONED.
I'M A PROFESSIONAL, AND I ALWAYS COMPLETE MY--

WHAT...? HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE...?
VERY PROFESSIONAL INDEED, STARSTALKER.
FWSSSSH
HM?
DO NOT GO IN THERE FOR A BIT. IN FACT, I'D REALLY HAVE SOMEONE TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR PLUMBING ON THIS THING.
RIDER...
TWO AGAINST ONE.
YOU SHOULD'VE BROUGHT SOME BACKUP...

A MOON ON THE OTHER SIDE OF A BLACK HOLE.
I DON'T KNOW WHY WE'RE FIGHTING... I WAS REALLY STARTING TO FEEL GENUINE LOVE AND CONNECTION WITH YOU ALL...
TELL ME AGAIN THAT I'M NOT THE REAL COSMIC GHOST RIDER!
YOU'RE NOT THE REAL COSMIC GHOST RIDER.

YOU'RE NOT THE REAL COSMIC GHOST RIDER!
GREAT-- UNGH-- COMEBACK.
YOU'RE ALL MAKING ME REAL GLAD I NEVER HAD SIBLINGS.
ENOUGH!
FWOOOM
ALL OF YOU ARE GOING TO SHUT THE @#€% UP AND LISTEN TO ME.
NONE OF US ARE THE REAL COSMIC GHOST RIDER BECAUSE WE ARE ALL JUST PARTS OF THE SAME PERSON.
AT SOME POINT, WE WENT THROUGH A BLACK HOLE AND BECAME SEPARATED FROM ONE ANOTHER. FEAR, AGGRESSION, COWARDICE... ALL OF US JUST SOMEHOW SEPARATED FROM THE WHOLE.
AND WITHOUT ONE ANOTHER, WE ARE ALL DYING.

YOU SOUND SO STUPID RIGHT NOW.
PARTS OF A WHOLE? OKAY, PROFESSOR... WHATEVER YOU SAY!
I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHY I HAVE TO BE SUCH A PAIN IN THE #%&.
WILL YOU GUYS JUST TRY TO USE YOUR POWERS... I MEAN, YOUR FULL POWERS. BECAUSE, IF I'M RIGHT, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO.
THAT'S RIDICULOUS.
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH MY...
...POWERS?

WHAT DID YOU DO...?
I TOLD YOU THE TRUTH.
WE ARE ALL GETTING WEAKER THE LONGER WE STAY APART.
THEN... COMBINE OR WHATEVER... FIX THIS.
WE WILL TRY... AS SOON AS WE FIND OUR LAST MISSING PIECE.
ONE OF US WAS CAPTURED BY A BOUNTY HUNTER WITH A TERRIBLY OUTDATED HAIRSTYLE AND A METAL BIRD.
OUR POWERS MAY BE FAILING, BUT TOGETHER...

"...WE OUTNUMBER HIM."

NOT MY GOOD SIDE...
YOU DON'T HAVE A GOOD SIDE!
UNGH!
I REALLY DID WALK INTO THAT ONE, DIDN'T I?
YOU WILL RETURN TO THE SHI'AR EMPIRE TO ANSWER FOR YOUR CRIMES, RIDER.
HOW MANY PIECES YOU ARRIVE IN WILL BE UP TO YOU--
WHUMP
WHAT WAS THAT...?
HIYA...

...I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO DISCUSS YOUR SHIP'S WARRANTY.
WHAT IS HAPPENING...?
HOW MANY OF THEM ARE THERE?
WE'RE OFFERING SOME REALLY LOW REFINANCING RATES AT THE MOMENT.
THEY'RE FORCING THE AIR LOCK OPEN.
HONEY...
...I'M HOME!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
OOF!
GET OFF ME, YOU ANNOYING LITTLE--
POLLY WANT A--?
TEEP!
WHO THE %#&@ AM I SUPPOSED TO PUNCH...?

IT LOOKS LIKE...
LIKE FRANK BEAT US HERE.
IS FRANK CASTLE ALWAYS LIKE THIS, AXELLE?
I'M GETTING THE FEELING HE IS, YES.
WE SHOULD HELP.
AFTER YOU, VALKYRIE.
OI, RIDER...
YES?
YES?
YES?
WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO BE PUNCHING...?
NEVER MIND...
...I THINK I FIGURED IT OUT.

WE STILL NEED TO FIND A WAY TO REVERSE WHAT THE BLACK HOLE DID TO US. I CAN'T CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR MUCH LONGER...
WHY NOT JUST GO BACK INTO A BLACK HOLE?
UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T THINK WE CAN JUST FIND ANOTHER BLACK HOLE.
BUT I DID FIND ALL OF YOU BY CREATING A POCKET OF INTENSE ENERGY IN SPACE WHEN I COLLIDED WITH THE OTHER ME... OR...PART OF ME...
...WHICH MEANS THAT IF WE COULD CREATE THAT MUCH ENERGY AGAIN--
YOU'RE GOING TO DRIVE THIS SHIP RIGHT INTO THAT SHI'AR SHIP SO THE ENGINES EXPLODE, AREN'T YOU?
I'M GOING TO DRIVE THIS SHIP RIGHT INTO THAT SHI'AR SHIP SO THE ENGINES EXPLODE...
...AND IT'S GOING TO BE AWESOME.
OR A FIERY AND PAINFUL DEATH FOR ALL INVOLVED... EITHER-OR.

FWSSSSSSH
OOF!
HEY!
FRANK, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TWO--?
YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE THAT STUPID, FRANK...
YOU SAY STUPID, I SAY TRYING TO COMBINE ALL THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF ME BY CREATING A GIANT EXPLOSION... POTATO, POTAHTO.
FRANK, YOU HAVE NO IDEA IF THAT WILL WORK.
OF COURSE I DON'T. BUT I'M STILL GOING TO TRY, SO I NEED YOU TO GET EVERYONE OFF THE SHIP WHO ISN'T A COSMIC GHOST RIDER...AND FAST, PLEASE.

LET'S GO!
WHAT--?
NO TIME, VALKYRIE... GET OFF THE SHIP NOW.
AND TAKE THE SHI'AR WITH YOU.
COME ON.
YOU...
YEAH, SAVING YOUR LIFE ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED TO BE DOING TODAY EITHER.
BUT THIS SHIP IS ABOUT TO BLOW AND...
...AND YOU'LL BE ON IT.

WHAT ARE YOU--?
NO...
YOU PIECE OF--WHY THE HELL WOULD YOU DO THAT?!
ARGH!
YOU BIT MY EAR.
HAVE FUN!
TEEP.
KRSSSSSH

HELP!
HELP!
AXELLE?
AXELLE?
THOOOOM

NO... AXELLE!
I'M SO SORRY.
SORRY FOR WHAT...?
YOU PUNCHED A MEMBER OF THE SHI'AR IMPERIAL GUARD, VALKYRIE.
I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR.
FRANK... AXELLE...
...YOU'RE OKAY?
"I'M WHOLE AGAIN..."

FUELING STATION X987.
...AND IT SEEMS LIKE MY POWERS ARE FINALLY STARTING TO RETURN TO NORMAL.
AND YOU'RE SURE YOU'RE NOT FEELING ANYTHING... WEIRD?
YOU DID GO THROUGH A MASSIVE EXPLOSION WITH MULTIPLE GHOST RIDERS AND LOTS OF COSMIC ENERGY.
I'M FINE, FRANK. I THINK YOU SHOULD WORRY A BIT MORE ABOUT THE SHI'AR...
SHI'AR...PI'MAR. GLADIATOR SAID WE COULD WORK SOMETHING OUT...LIKE A COMMUNITY-SERVICE THING.
I'LL CLEAN SOME GARBAGE AROUND THE EMPIRE, AND ALL WILL BE FORGIVEN.
BUT YOU... AXELLE...I DON'T KNOW HOW I COULD POSSIBLY APOLOGIZE TO YOU. I BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS...YOUR FATHER--
YOU SAVED ME FROM A GIANT EXPLOSION...THAT BUYS YOU AT LEAST SOME FORGIVENESS.
BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT TO SAY YOU'RE SORRY...
...I COULD USE SOME TRANSPORTATION.
YOU WANT MY BIKE?
YOU WANT MY FORGIVENESS?
FINE. JUST...

"...TAKE CARE OF HER."
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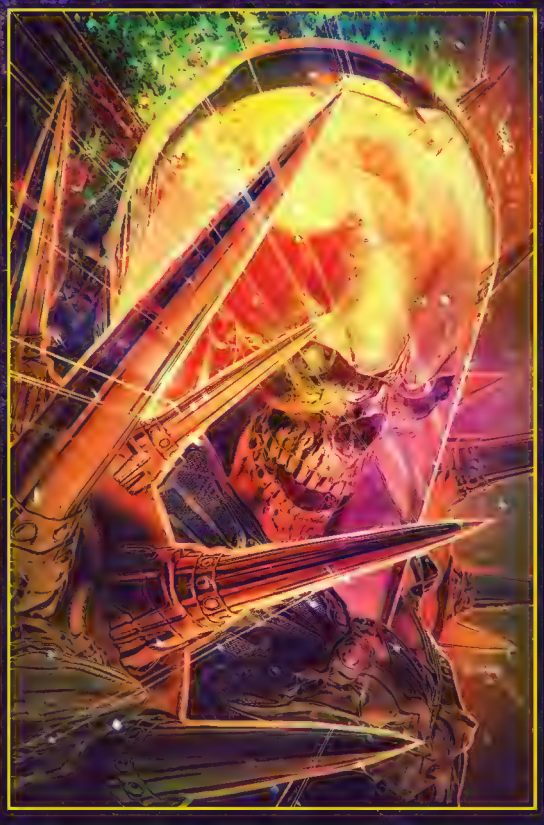

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